(d) whether the Chief General Manager has submitted his report in view of public demand; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MISISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) At present, Jammu Tawai-Bombay Express and Avadh Express stop at Surat & Godhra; Sarvodaya Express at Godhra; and Frontier Mail at Surat, Godhra & Dahod. Sarvodaya Express is running between Jammu Tawi & Ahmedabad and does not go to Surat.

(b) and (c) Some representations regarding stoppage of Rajdhani Express at Surat, Godhra & Dahod and Jammu Tawi- Bombay Express, Sarvodaya Express at Dahod were received and the same were examined but not found feasible at present.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Electrification of Ahmedabad-Hapa Rail Track-Line

828. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUQLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for work on Ahmedabad-Hapa Rail Track Line in Western Railway during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard;

(c) the estimated cost of this project and time schedule fixed for its completion;

(d) the expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(e) whether the project is behind schedule; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons there for?

THE MISISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Late Running of Trains

829. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation regarding late running of Express and other trains under jurisdiction of South Central Railways;

(b) what measures South Central Railway is initiating to avoid delays of trains due to in-efficient supervision and generally poor level of motivation amongst staff of S.C. Railways;

(c) whether it is a fact that late running of Dakshin Express destined for Visakhapatnam affects train passing though territory of South Central Railways; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to ensure punctuality of important trains like Dakshin Express?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) Various measures initiated to improve punctuality of Mail/Express trains like Dakshin Express and 8561/8562 Link Express, include special monitoring at inter departmental meetings at Divisional and Headquarters' level, punitive action against defaulters, rewards for meritorious performance, etc. etc. Other avoidable reasons are also analysed and preventive action taken.